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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

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JEAN-PIERRE LUBOWICKI ET AL.

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Title: ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT COMPRISING A RETRACTABLE SCREEN

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows, where marked-up versions of the amended claims 3 and 4 are attached as Appendix A:

## IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

- 3. (Amended) An electronic device as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that "hard points" are provided when said screen part is displaced, so that it can occupy stable positions.
- 4. (Amended) An electronic device as claimed in claim 1,
- 2 characterized in that a guide is provided having recesses which are
- 3 integral with one of said guiding parts in which can be
- 4 accommodated during the displacement a spring system which is
- 5 integral with the other part so as to create said "hard points".

#### REMARKS

The claims have been amended to delete multiple dependencies. The above amendments are submitted to place this application in proper U.S. format. Entry of the amendment and an early action on the merits are solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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# Appendix A

# Version with Markings to Show Changes Made to the Claims

The following are marked up versions of amended claims 3 and 4:

- 1 3. (Amended) An electronic device as claimed in claim 1 or 2,
- 2 characterized in that "hard points" are provided when said screen
- 3 part is displaced, so that it can occupy stable positions.
  - 4. (Amended) An electronic device as claimed in <u>claim 1</u> one of the claims 1 to 3, characterized in that a guide is provided having recesses which are integral with one of said guiding parts in which can be accommodated during the displacement a spring system which is integral with the other part so as to create said "hard points".